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Dear Allen:

On February 11 I met with J. Edgar Hoover in his office in a final attempt to win his support for an amendment to the Communications Act. An exchange of correspondence followed culminating in his letter of March 19, signed in his capacity as Chairman of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. In this letter he reiterates the position he took at the February 6, 1958 meeting at the White House, which you will recall, that with respect to the FBI or the ICC he would not oppose the amendment, but neither would he argue or testify in support of it. However, in his recent letter he adds that this is at least in part "because it has so many facets which are not within the purview of either FBI or ICC".

In the light of this I have asked our Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to take appropriate action to secure submission of the amendment by the White House to the Congress, and to do whatever he can to obtain favorable consideration on the Hill.

Recalling your interest in assurance that your agency's interest not be revealed in public debate, I have suggested to Mr. Macomber that you could be helpful both at the White House and in the Congress. I have asked him to advise you when your assistance would be most helpful.

I hope we can now conclude our several years of effort to obtain legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Loy W. Henderson

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director,
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State Department, FBI reviews completed